

2021 Legislative Session

ICHE Responsibilities

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OVERVIEW

- ▶ The General Assembly recessed on April 22nd and will not adjourn until November 15th
- ▶ This session we tracked 130 bills impacting education and 30 of them became law
- ▶ Legislators will return later this year to complete redistricting

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

LEGISLATIVE TASKS



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SEA 101 & HEA 1553

- ▶ SB 101 - Education & Higher Education Matters
 - ▶ Improves high school graduation plan
 - ▶ Ensures students can access transcripts from closed institutions
 - ▶ Allow minors to access the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
- ▶ HB 1553 – Higher Education Matters
 - ▶ Expands qualifications for Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
 - ▶ Expands National Guard Supplemental Grant to cover graduate credit hours



HEA 1549 – CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL

- ▶ Similar to AP or IB, Cambridge International provides college-level curriculum which can be used to provide postsecondary credit
- ▶ HEA 1549-2021 requires the Commission to work with state educational institutions to develop policies for awarding college credit for students who complete Cambridge International assessments
- ▶ All state educational institutions must have a policy in place by December 31, 2021

HEA 1549 – PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

- ▶ HEA 1549-2021 requires the Commission, IDOE and GWC to create the Indiana Postsecondary Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Clearinghouse by July 1, 2022
- ▶ The PLA Clearinghouse must include an inventory of all PLA opportunities which provide postsecondary credit at state educational institutions
- ▶ State educational institutions must provide the information needed for the PLA Clearinghouse by March 1, 2022

HEA 1549 – WORK-BASED LEARNING

- ▶ Similar to the PLA Clearinghouse, the Commission, IDOE and GWC must prepare model guidance and informational resources concerning postsecondary enrollment opportunities which incorporate work-based learning
- ▶ The guidance must describe the roles and responsibilities of secondary, postsecondary, and employer stakeholders
- ▶ The guidance must be issued by January 1, 2022

HEA 1549 – BUSINESS MODEL REPORT

- ▶ The Commission must prepare a report outlining how Indiana's state educational institutions reduced costs without reducing quality over the last ten years
- ▶ The report must include information concerning administration, buildings, degree program offerings and fees, nonacademic initiatives and cost centers, technology utilization and maintenance, the percentage of faculty tenured, and inflation
- ▶ The goal is to find ways to reduce the average total cost for students by 24-25 with the report due by November 1, 2021

HEA 1549 – FREE SPEECH REPORT

- ▶ The Commission must prepare a report which includes a description of how state education institutions recognize and protect the freedom of speech and association rights
- ▶ The report must also include a recommendation on a survey instrument that institutions shall administer by May 1, 2022
- ▶ The purpose of the survey is to determine perceptions on whether free speech and academic freedom are recognized and fostered on campus

HEA 1549 – FOREIGN MALFEASANCE REPORT

- ▶ The Commission must prepare a report which includes a description of how state educational institutions protect information that could be misused by a foreign government or entity
- ▶ Report must include items such as:
 - ▶ A summary of the institutions measures to comply with insider threat requirements prescribed by federal guidance
 - ▶ A description of the institution's compliance with federal law prohibitions on contracting with certain foreign entities using telecommunications and video surveillance
 - ▶ A summary of each institutions business arrangements with foreign entities, excluding business arrangements pertaining to non-technology procurement

HEA 1437 – ELECTRONIC MEETINGS & SIGNATURES

- ▶ HEA 1437-2021 updated virtual meeting options for boards, commissions, and local government bodies
- ▶ Allows for a quorum when at least 50% of members are physically present
- ▶ Electronic participation is not allowed in certain situations such as adopting a budget
- ▶ The Commission will need to update the bylaws to access the new flexibility

SUMMER STUDY COMMITTEE

- ▶ The General Assembly assigned summer student committee topics this past Monday
- ▶ The Interim Study Committee on fiscal policy was assigned a study on higher education funding
- ▶ *“How the higher educational operating funding mechanism should be structured and funded, which goals should be obtained from the funding mechanism, and how the achievement of the goals will be measured with reliable data points.”*



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